

CERTIFICATE OF MAIL

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITH SUFFICIENT POSTAGE AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL  
IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO:

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231,  
ON December 2, 2002

Laural Madden  
AGENT FOR APPLICANT

12/02/02  
DATE

Attorney Docket No.: P50523-C2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Marquis et al. December 2, 2002  
Serial No.: 09/836,586 Group Art Unit: 1624  
Filed: April 17, 2001 Examiner: T. Truong  
For: INHIBITORS OF CYSTEINE PROTEASE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2002, having a three-(3) month shortened statutory period for reply, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

In the Specification:

Please replace the abstract and insert the attached abstract, on a separate page following the claims.

1624  
#5/C  
12/13/02

RECEIVED  
DEC 11 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900